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ROTARY SHAFT AXIAL ELONGATION
MEASURING METHOD AND DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 25, 2002, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT

Please replace the original specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and substitute therefor the following new claims.

14. A method of measuring axial elongation of a rotary shaft, comprising:
providing a plurality of marks on a rotational surface of a rotary shaft such that at least one of the marks is inclined relative to an axial direction of the rotary shaft;

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